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ANDREW CROPSHIRE: ... 2nd, 2018 at approximately 7:10 in the morning Pacific Time. It's SA Andrew Cropshire and SSA Ethan Vie with JANE DOE, about to call Michael Peters. I'm handing the phone to her now.

JANE DOE: What?

VOICEMAIL: Hi, this is Michael. I'm unavailable right now. Please leave a message at the tone. I will call you back as soon as I can. Thank you --

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[PHONE RINGING]

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JANE DOE: Hey. Mike. Mike? Hello --

[APPARENT SIDE CONVERSATION, POSSIBLY THE RESULT OF ACCIDENTAL DIAL TO JANE DOE]

MICHAEL PETERS: [INDISCERNIBLE] oh, no. Did you get the money?

MALE 3: Yeah.

MICHAEL PETERS: Oh. I mean, I -- okay, so -- unless that conversation was him and him what we're doing [INDISCERNIBLE] then don't do it. All right. So, I'm just going to call right out of it, to confirm that I did everything on my end.

JANE DOE: Hello?

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Should I try and call him back? Should I call him back? Or he'll call back.

[PHONE RINGING]

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MICHAEL PETERS: I'm literally in the bathroom. I will call you right back.

JANE DOE: Okay.

MICHAEL PETERS: Bye.

JANE DOE: Bye.

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ANDREW CROPSHIRE: For the purpose of the recording, can you explain what happened after you called the first time?

JANE DOE: It looked like it was a butt-dial, and it seemed like there was someone talking in the background. And I wasn't sure if he was trying to have me listen, or if he was -- mistakenly had called me.

ANDREW CROPSHIRE: Okay. And did you hear Mike's voice? Was it Mike?

JANE DOE: No, it wasn't Mike's voice. It was Steven's voice in the background.

ANDREW CROPSHIRE: Oh, okay.

JANE DOE: So, then, I just redialed that number and it was Mike, and he's in the bathroom.

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ANDREW CROPSHIRE: Okay.

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[PHONE RINGING]

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JANE DOE: Mike?

MICHAEL PETERS: Yeah. Literally, you called when I was just going pee.

JANE DOE: Oh, thanks for letting me know.

MICHAEL PETERS: No problem. That's what friends are for.

JANE DOE: Awesome.

MICHAEL PETERS: Wow. I'm going to un-ring this bell for you today. I need a few more hours. That's what I'm telling you. But I just don't want you to worry.

JANE DOE: Okay.

MICHAEL PETERS: But I will take care of it. I promise.

JANE DOE: Can we just get in-sync?

MICHAEL PETERS: All right.

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JANE DOE: Can we just get in-sync? What are we taking care of?

MICHAEL PETERS: Everything you want. I'm trying to un-ring many bells for you, so -- all right?

JANE DOE: Like the loan, the [REDACTED], the --

MICHAEL PETERS: Everything, everything, everything.

JANE DOE: So, what does that mean? Because, then --

MICHAEL PETERS: I'll call you in a few hours -- I'll call you in a -- what's that?

JANE DOE: What does that mean, though? Like, because --

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MICHAEL PETERS: You told me what you wanted, and I'm going to make it happen. Okay?

JANE DOE: But are --

MICHAEL PETERS: You just got to give me a little bit of time. All right?

JANE DOE: Just so we're on the same page, does that mean we're going to be in trouble, because you said -- nope, he hung up.

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[PHONE RINGING]

JANE DOE: I was wondering if you hung up on me.

MICHAEL PETERS: No, I -- no, it wasn't a dramatic hang-up; I moved my head to the left, and it hung up. I'm not that dramatic.

JANE DOE: Okay. Because I was like, What is -- what -- now I'm all very worried.

MICHAEL PETERS: No, don't worry. Don't worry. It's just going to take me a few more hours to un-ring this bell. We need to have this thing happened in Rhode Island, be a slam dunk. And then it should be easy to [PH] list of just what that one [PH] pearl; we give them that back; we, you know, you still have a bajillion tokens; --

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-- and just let them -- leave them be on their own.

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JANE DOE: Okay. But, then, you --

MICHAEL PETERS: So, and I'm -- got him almost there --

JANE DOE: -- but last time you saw me, you said, like, this is -- you don't have a choice, you know? You'll be destroyed, et cetera, et cetera. Gloom and doom. You know?

MICHAEL PETERS: I'm trying to be -- I'm trying to make -- I'm trying to fulfill your wishes. Okay? And I can do it because I've had some thinking time.

JANE DOE: You've had some thinking time? But Steve's your client --

MICHAEL PETERS: Yes.

JANE DOE: -- and you told me you guys were BFFs and you were going to make his wishes come true.

MICHAEL PETERS: Well, I've had some thinking time. So, okay? You just got to trust me that you won't be destroyed.

JANE DOE: I won't be destroyed.

MICHAEL PETERS: And everything'll be okay.

JANE DOE: But you're not -- are you --

MICHAEL PETERS: You won't be destroyed.

JANE DOE: Steve won't be destroyed -- Steve won't do it, either, or --

MICHAEL PETERS: No, no. Nobody's being destroyed. Okay?

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JANE DOE: Okay.

MICHAEL PETERS: All right. I'll talk to you in a few hours. I promise. All right. Bye.

JANE DOE: Okay. Bye. He's being weird.

ANDREW CROPSHIRE: It's Friday, June 22nd, 2018, at approximately 7:19 pm Pacific Time. It's SA Andrew Cropshire, SSA Ethan Vie and we are turning off the recording.